

Nursing Notes

SALISBURY UNIVERSITY WINTER 2016

GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR

Salisbury University Department of Nursing: Continuing on the Path of Excellence!

The tradition of excellence continues to thrive in SU's Department of Nursing. The accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students and alumni continues to propel SU Nursing to the top. Some of the many accomplishments are shared below.

- ❑ **SU Nursing receives full accreditation for the maximum initial period of five years for the D.N.P. and post-D.N.P. certificate programs from CCNE.** The department hosted the site visit in April 2015 and received no recommendations from CCNE.
- ❑ **SU Department of Nursing receives its first endowed professorship.** Dr. Mary DiBartolo was selected as the inaugural Fulton Endowed Professorship in Geriatric Nursing. Dr. DiBartolo will use this position to expand upon her work in the area of gerontological nursing and education to address the needs of an aging population.
- ❑ **SU Department of Nursing welcomes new members to the faculty.** The department welcomed two new members, who started in August 2016. Sedonna Brown, M.S., RN and Jennifer Hart, M.S., RN became the newest members to join the faculty. Both are experienced med-surg nurses and with teaching experience. We welcome them to our team.
- ❑ **The D.N.P. Program continues to grow.** With the options of post-B.S. and post-M.S. to D.N.P. options, the program is now hosting 33 students. Many of the students are alumni of SU's undergraduate nursing program.
- ❑ **SU Department of Nursing receives HRSA funds to continue supporting our D.N.P.-FNP students.** This Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides students with full tuition coverage as well as a living stipend to assist in obtaining and completing their education for the Family Nurse Practitioner certification. Dr. Jeffrey Willey is the principal investigator for this grant.
- ❑ **Supporting RN to B.S. students in the region.** With the imperative to have 80 percent of nurses by 2020 to have B.S. degrees, SU was awarded a \$75,000 planning grant to investigate the needs of the local communities to continue and possibly grow this segment of nursing education. Drs. Voncelia Brown and Jeffrey Willey serve as the principal investigators for this grant provided by the Maryland Higher Education Commission's NSP-II program.
- ❑ **Eastern Shore Faculty Academy and Mentoring Initiative (ES-FAMI) receives continuation authority.** Funding continuation of over \$233,000 was awarded to continue to success of this program. This program offers solutions to the nursing faculty shortage by providing a 30-contact hour program of online and face to face instruction, simulated clinical teaching sessions and mentoring workshops. Attendees of the program learn how to design and manage student clinical experiences as well as apply learning theories and principles of evaluation. The ES-FAMI experience emphasizes recruitment of culturally, ethnically and gender-diverse faculty who are available to teach part time for one of the partner schools. The program is led by three co-principal investigators: Drs. Judith Jarosinski, Tina Reid and Lisa Seldomridge.
- ❑ **Eastern Shore-Western Shore Faculty Initiative (ES-WSFI) funded (over \$133,500) by the Maryland Higher Education Committee (MHEC) NSP-II to provide research on the faculty shortage within the State of Maryland.** This program is intended to identify issues related to the statewide shortage of undergraduate and graduate clinical nursing faculty and to provide direction for planning/modifying programs like ES-FAMI for implementation across the state. This program has completed its first round of assessment and is expanding to reach more nursing programs to include in the assessment process.
- ❑ **SU's Student Nurses Association receives its 20th consecutive passed resolution.** This represents the longest running passed resolution success among all represented organizations attending the annual national convention. Congratulations to our current and past students that have all contributed to this success.

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SU NURSING SHOWCASES NEW T-SHIRT QUILT

The SU Department of Nursing has a new item to add to its archives on display—a quilt constructed of t-shirts and sweat shirts from over the years.

All of the 20 t-shirts and sweatshirts were originally created by the Student Nurses Association or Department of Nursing, as well as through the National Student Nurses Association convention or other related events over the last 25 plus years. They span the days of SU, SSU and SSC. The clothing items were donated by six nursing faculty members and three alumni. Once 20 t-shirts and sweatshirts were selected from the pool of donations, they were cut down to squares of just the chest or the back of the item and then quilted together.

The idea of a departmental quilt was suggested by Dr. William Campbell, associate professor of nursing and the curator for the department's museum and archives. He was assisted with the design/layout by Dr. Rita Nutt, while funding and the display location was secured by Dr. Lisa Seldomridge. The quilt now hangs in Devilbiss Hall 229 classroom where both junior and senior nursing students can be exposed to the tradition of the annual nursing apparel items over the years.

The quilt joins the other historical items on display in the department's museum collection located in display cases on the second floor of Devilbiss Hall outside 213 and 217. The collection includes several items from the original PGH (Peninsula General Hospital) School of Nursing (SON). It was PGH SON that originally became SU Nursing in 1979.



Pictured, from left, Dr. William Campbell, Dr. Lisa Seldomridge and Dr. Rita Nutt beside the quilt.

FACULTY NEWS

PUBLICATIONS

- **Allen, K. D., DiBartolo, M. C., Welsh, D. L., & Brown, V. (2015).** Design of a medical triage evidence-based clinical management protocol and implementation of medical triage online training for use by Mission of Mercy volunteers. *Journal of Community Health Nursing, 32*, 218-230.
- **DiBartolo, M. C. (2016).** Comorbidities matter: A call to improve care for hospitalized patients with Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease. *Journal of Gerontological Nursing, 42*(2), 4-5.
- **Hinderer, K.A., Jarosinski, J.M., Seldomridge, L.A., & Reid, T.P. (2016).** From expert clinician to nurse educator: Outcomes of a faculty academy initiative. *Nurse Educator, 41*(4), 191-8.
- **Hinderer, K.A., Klima, D., Truong, H. A., Rangel, A., Brown, V., Talley, W., Dougherty, P. & Joyner, R. L. (2016).** Faculty perceptions, knowledge, and attitudes toward interprofessional education and practice. *Journal of Allied Health, 45*(1), e1-e4.
- **Wiegand, D.L., & Hinderer, K.A. (2016).** Advance care planning: Advance directives, medical order sets, & surrogate decision making [Book Chapter]. In C. Dahlin, P.J. Coyne & B. R. Ferrell (Eds.). *Textbook of advanced practice palliative nursing* (pp. 379-384). New York: Oxford University Press.
- **Nutt, R. (2015).** Immediate preterm delivery for pregnancy hypertension increases risk of neonatal respiratory distress. *BMJ – Evidence-Based Nursing, 19*(1), 8.
- **Smith, N. & Satyshur, R. (2015).** Pediatric diabetes telemedicine program improves access to care for rural families: Role of APRNs. *Pediatric Nursing, 42*(6).

PODIUM PRESENTATIONS

- **Brown, V.S., & Hinderer, K.A.** presented on the topic of *Integrating Interprofessional Experiences into a Rural Academic Environment: The Undergraduate Nursing Experience* at the York Wellness and Rehabilitation Institute held in Rochester, NY, in June.
- **Katie Hinderer** (with M. C. Lee) presented on the topic of *Nursing Excellence through Education: Promoting Advance Care Planning in Rural, Older Adults* at the 10th Annual EBP & Research Conference held at Christiana Hospital Campus in Newark, Delaware on November 6, 2015.
- **William Campbell** (with ER Hayes, P D'Antonio, & DT Lippman) presented at the Sigma Theta Tau International (STTI) 43rd Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV, held in November 2015. The topic for the special session was *Wartime Nurse Heroes Recognition*.
- **Rita Nutt** presented at the AWHONN Annual Convention in Dallas, TX in June. The title of the presentation was: *Improving Intimate Partner Violence Screening through the Use of Standardized Patients*.
- **Tina Reid, Katherine Hinderer, Lisa Seldomridge and Judy Jarosinski** presented at 6th International Nursing Education Conference, Brisbane, Australia, held April 3-6. The topic was *Using Simulation-based Activities to Prepare Expert Clinicians as Adjunct Nursing Faculty*.
- **Lisa Seldomridge, Tina Reid, Katie Hinderer and Judy Jarosinski** presented at Sigma Theta Tau's 43rd Biennial Convention held in Las Vegas, Nevada in November of 2015 on the topic of *Strategies for Developing Expert Clinicians into Clinical Faculty: Lessons Learned from a Hybrid Faculty Academy Experience*.
- **Debra Webster** presented with **Judy Jarosinski** this past March at the Drexel Simulation Conference held in Clearwater, Florida on the topic of *Toolkits and Standardized Patient Experiences: Developing Core Psychiatric Nursing Skills*. In October, Dr. Webster also presented on toolkits and standardized patient experiences at the Maryland Nurses Association Annual Conference held in Linthicum, Maryland.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- **William Campbell** presented a poster at Sigma Theta Tau International's 43rd Biennial Convention in Las Vegas, NV, held in November 2015. The topic was *Nursing Simulation: It's Not Just for Skills Anymore*.

- **Mary DiBartolo** presented two posters at the World Parkinson's Conference held in September 24-26 in Portland, OR. One poster was titled *Enhancing Care for the Hospitalized Patient with Parkinson's Disease: Development of a Formal Educational Program for Nursing Staff* and the other on the topic of *The LSVT-BIG Intervention in Clients with Parkinson's Disease: A Systematic Review* (with Dennis Klima, UMES).
- **Kayna Freda** presented a poster on April 19 at the Regional Research Symposium at UMES titled *Working Together to Create a Space for Lactating Mothers on UMES' Campus*.
- **Hinderer, K.**, (with C. Costello, M. C. Lee, & E. Chike-Udeagha) presented on the topic *Advance Care Planning in Diverse Community-Dwelling Adults Through Student/Faculty Partnerships* at the Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting, November 18-22, 2015 in Orlando, FL.
- **Katie Hinderer** (along with former students A. Zentgraf, A. Hiken, C. D. Sowah, C.D., J. Castro, & L. I. Monahan, L.I.) presented on the topic *The Relationship between Healthy Behaviors, Stress, and Academic Success in Undergraduate Nursing Students* at the PRMC/STTI Lambda Eta Chapter EBP Conference held in Salisbury, Maryland on May 2. The same poster was also presented at SU's Student Research Conference held on campus in April.
- **Debra Webster**, along with Lisa Seldomridge and Judy Jarosinski, presented at the University of Maryland, Baltimore Maryland Action Coalition (MDAC) Conference on June 28 on the topic *Advancing Education Transformation Toolkits and Standardized Patient Experiences: Developing Core Psychiatric Mental Health Skills*.
- At same conference, **Lisa Seldomridge, Judy Jarosinski, Tina Reid** and **Katie Hinderer** presented on *Eastern Shore Faculty Academy and Mentorship Initiative (ESFAMI): A Hybrid Experience to Develop Expert Clinicians as Clinical Faculty*.
- **Dorothea Winter** and Carlene Campbell presented at the Summer Institute of Nursing Informatics at the University of Maryland School of Nursing in July. The topic: *Accurate, Easy to Use, Useful? Hospice and Home Health Nurses' Perceptions of the EHR*.
- **The following were presented at this year's recent Maryland Nurse's Association 113th annual conference held in Linthicum Heights, MD, on October 13.**
 - **Lisa Seldomridge** and **Jeffrey Willey** on the topic *Leadership in Expanding Options for Doctoral Education on the Eastern Shore of Maryland*.
 - **Lisa Seldomridge, Judy Jarosinski** and **Tina Reid** on the topic *Eastern Shore Faculty Academy and Mentorship Initiative (ESFAMI): Providing leadership Through Educating Colleagues*.
 - **Tina Reid, Lisa Seldomridge** and **Judy Jarosinski** on the topic *Eastern Shore-Western Shore Faculty: Creating a Comprehensive Needs Assessment*.

OTHER FACULTY NEWS

- **Kayna Freda** successfully defended her dissertation this November titled "Exploring the Writing Perceptions of Former Baccalaureate Nursing Students on the Eastern Shore of Maryland: A Phenomenological Study" and earned a Doctorate in Education from UMES.
- **Mary DiBartolo** received Salisbury University's annual Distinguished Faculty Award for 2016. She joins Drs. Edna Quinn and Lisa Seldomridge as previous winners from the Department of Nursing.
- **Marguerite Russo** was appointed to the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association Advisory Panel. As part of an initiative to promote the integration of palliative and hospice care into the U.S. healthcare delivery system, the American Nurses Association (ANA) and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association (HPNA) have partnered to form this work group to address this critical issue. Dr. Russo will be involved in developing a relevant joint ANA-HPNA position statement, identifying nursing's contributions in palliative and hospice care, as well as, developing educational resources and an accompanying framework for necessary changes in nursing practice and education to promote enhanced access and use of palliative and hospice services. She has dual national board certification as a nurse practitioner in Family Practice and in Advanced Hospice and Palliative Nursing, and maintains part-time practice as a Palliative Medicine team member at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

GLOBAL TRAVEL UPDATE

On January 8-25, 2016, 22 students from various majors (nursing, social work, psychology, community health, business, marketing and communication) participated in a study abroad experience to Cape Town, South Africa. The primary focus of this experiential learning opportunity was to gain an understanding about the culture and global health considerations.

During the visit, students lodged with South African families in home-stays, which permitted students to learn firsthand about South African culture. Field instructional and scholarly activities included visits to various hospitals, clinics, daycare centers, as well as community-based organizations such as Social Justice Coalition, which works to advance the constitutional rights to life, dignity, equality, freedom and safety with a focus on increasing access to basic sanitation in informal settlements.

Students also spent time with various healthcare workers to interface with patients and participated in community service projects, such as painting nursing stations in a local hospital and daycare center, cleaning, and stocking shelves. Other highlights included spending the day with U.S. Ambassador, Teddy Taylor, touring Groote Schuur Hospital where the world's first human-to-human heart transplant was performed, exploring South Africa's most famous landmark, Table Mountain, and going on a safari. This trip was led by Dr. Tina Reid.



This upcoming January winter term, Dr. Voncelia Brown will again be taking a group of students to Ecuador. Stay tuned for details on that popular travel experience for nursing students in the next edition of *Nursing Notes*.

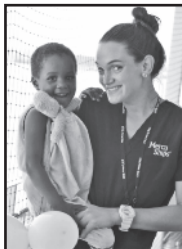
CLASS NOTES

Craig Mullen '14 is working as RN in the ICU at Peninsula Regional Medical Center after having worked at the PCU at Nanticoke Memorial Hospital upon graduation. He married Hillarie in September 2015, and they since have welcomed a baby girl, Mira Tyler, on April 28, weighing in at 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Nate Woods '13 works as a staff nurse in the CGU at University of Maryland hospital in Baltimore. He earned his CCRN certification in December 2015.

Julianna Lodowski '12 has worked as an OR nurse and cosmetic laser specialist at Peninsula Plastic Surgery in Salisbury, MD, since graduation. She lives in Fenwick, DE, with her three children.

Kathleen Cinelli '11 (right) is putting her nursing skills to work for Mercy Ships, an international faith-based organization addressing needs of the poor and underserved. She is currently serving on the *Africa Mercy*, the world's largest non-governmental hospital ship serving that continent.



Orlett Haskett '10 recently presented a poster "Degree Completion Initiative: Expanding and Improving Opportunities for Baccalaureate Education in Nursing for Maryland Nurses" at the 2016 Maryland Action Coalition Summit in Baltimore, MD. Orlett is the degree completion student support coordinator, IDEA Program Coordinator at Towson University.

Leigh Toomey '07 works at University of Maryland Shore Regional Health at Cambridge (formerly Dorchester General Hospital) in Cambridge, MD. Her current position is critical care/adult health manager. She completed her master's in education from Wilmington University and resides in Cambridge, MD.

Taffie Wilson '05 has worked in the ER at University of Maryland Shore Regional Health at Easton (formerly Easton Memorial Hospital) since 2006 and now works as the resuscitation education coordinator there since January 2015. She is married with one child and lives in Federalsburg.

Sarah (Moore) Evans '05 (B.S.), '12 (M.S.-FNP) also completed her post-master's certificate as an acute care pediatric nurse practitioner from Catholic University in 2014. She currently works for the Children's National Medical Center out of Washington, D.C., as a pediatric hospitalist at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. Her fourth son, Leo (weighing in at 6 lbs., 9 oz.) was born on August 19. He joins brothers Ashton, Owen and Sam. Sarah and her husband, Aaron, and family live in West Ocean City.

Michelle (Curley) Moulton '02 recently presented a poster titled "Interprofessional Education (IPE): A Faculty Development Initiative" at the 2016 Maryland Action Coalition Summit in Baltimore, MD. Michelle is a clinical instructor at the University of Maryland School of Nursing and is PCCN and CHSE certified.

Stephen Tzorfas '02 is the director of nursing for Northeast Treatment Centers in Philadelphia where he oversees the methadone and outpatient psychiatric centers, and works with the Philadelphia Prison System as well.

Greetings from the Chair Continued

- ☐ **Inter-professional education continues to be a priority between SU and UMES healthcare professions.** As inter-professional collaborations continue to be a priority within healthcare, SU undergraduate nursing and respiratory care students along with UMES physical therapy and pharmacy students come together to solve clinical problems and share their expertise in simulated patient care encounters. This program continues to provide students with experience in interacting and providing quality care for simulated scenarios while interacting and integrating care from the various healthcare disciplines. This programs success continues with the assistance from SU faculty Drs. Katherine Hinderer and Robert Joyner and Kayna Freda.
- ☐ **Faculty Toolkits to Teach Psych/Mental Health Nursing Skills: Using Standardized Patients to Prepare New Nurses completes Year 2.** Funded by a two-year Maryland Higher Education Commission NSP-II grant, this project expands the use of standardized patients to teach students essential skills for caring for individuals with behavioral health issues. Additional vignettes were designed to use to provide a variety of mental health disorders present in various healthcare facilities. Toolkits have been made available to all Maryland nursing programs to prepare student for "live" clinical experiences when low census or lack of placements are an issue. These experiences allow students to meet clinical objectives and augment the instruction provided in the classroom. The principal investigators for this program are Drs. Debra Webster and Lisa Seldomridge.
- ☐ **SU Department of Nursing hosted its FNP 20th anniversary.** As part of Nurse Practitioner Week, the Department of Nursing hosted a 20th anniversary celebration of its FNP program. The event was held on November 3, 2016, at Adam's Grille in Fruitland, MD.

DIBARTOLO SELECTED AS FIRST FULTON PROFESSOR OF GERIATRIC NURSING



With the graying of America expected to dramatically impact healthcare in the not-so-distant future, nurses are expected to play a key role in addressing the complex needs of this group.

Thanks to a generous donation from the estate of Charles Fulton (the namesake of SU's Charles R. and Martha N. Fulton School of Liberal Arts), Dr. Mary DiBartolo was selected to receive SU's inaugural Fulton Professorship in Geriatric Nursing. Established to recognize leadership and dedication in education related to geriatric nursing, this three-year appointment will provide opportunities to continue work in this important sub-specialty.

DiBartolo is certified in gerontological nursing and worked for several years in long-term care administration before joining SU's nursing faculty in 1995. She has long been involved with research, education and outreach related to the care of older adults.

She continues to host PAC 14's *Focus on Health*, and, as the Parkinson's Disease Foundation's Edmond J. Safra Visiting Nursing Faculty Scholar, she has given presentations about enhancing care for Parkinson's patients at several area hospitals. She is also collaborating on research Parkinson's and mobility with a colleague at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

As an educational consultant to the Integrate Institute at Copper Ridge, DiBartolo provides Alzheimer's/ dementia training to facilities on the Eastern Shore, as well as, programs on dementia care for family caregivers at support groups and conferences in the region. As part of the professorship, she is developing an interdisciplinary course on Issues in Aging that will be offered through SU's new Honors College in the spring.

LUCY TULL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

Drs. Lisa Seldomridge and Rita Nutt were selected as the Lucy Tull Distinguished Faculty for 2016. This award recognizes nursing faculty for their commitment to excellence in nursing education in the health care of the region. Both are long-time faculty members of the Department of Nursing and were recognized at the Nursing Convocation ceremony in May.



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